Pradesh, in which 15 per cent of the total project cost will be met by the State Government. The World Bank has also shown interest in funding the District Primary Education Programme in another six States, on a similar pattern.

Literacy programme for Urdu speaking population

1635. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what progress is being registered by the literacy programme among the Urdu Speaking Population in the country: and

(b) whether the existing Madarsa Education System's infrastructure is being used to reinforce the literacy campaign?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Under the Total Literacy Campaign instruction is generally imparted in the spoken language of the learners including in Urdu. No data is however collected on the progress being made on the basis of language.

(b) The literacy programmes is generally meant for adult illiterates in the age group of 15-35 whereas the Madarasa Educaion System is primarily for children. The Literacy Campaigns are volunteer based programmes and do not rely upon the infrastructure of educational institutions for the success of the programme. Volunteers drawn from all walks of life, including educational institutions, participate in the literacy Campaigns.

Books Published by NCERT

1636. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many text books have been published by the NCERT since 1986;

(b) how many of them are in English; and

(c) how many of them have been translated and published in Hindi?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) 1761 textbooks have been published by the NCERT since 1986 out of which 892 are in English and 625 in Hindi. The remaining 244 books are in Sanskrit and Urdu.

National Science Talent Scholarships

1637. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOUDCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many National Science Talent Scholars have been granted scholarship since 1990;

(b) how many of them continue to avail of the same;

(c) how many of them have not claimed their scholarships; and

(d) how many receipients of these scholarships have completed their doctorate level degress?